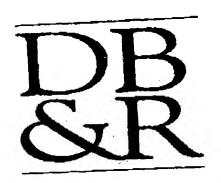
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optoenter PAIA sin 12/21/04 The present application is a 35 USC § 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB99/02029. The international application contained a priority claim to GB Application No. 9813864.7, filed on June 27, 2998. However, the priority claim to GB Application No. 9813864.7 was unintentionally omitted from the DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION executed by the inventor and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 20, 2001 in response to the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US).

Applicant respectfully requests the priority claim to GB Application 9813864.7 to be made of record in the present application. In support of this request, attached hereto is an Application Data Sheet wherein the Foreign Priority data is correctly set forth.

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This request is timely submitted prior to the issuance of this application. No fee is believed due to support this submission. However, should any fee be due, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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